for inclusion of their names in the D.A.V.P. media list. Out of these, 56 newspapers/periodicals were included in the said list. 15 newspapers/periodicals did not fulfil the criteria laid down in the Advertising Policy. The cases of remaining 36 newspapers/periodicals could not be finalised for want of complete media particulars/other relevant information from the publishers concerned. However, advertisements were issued to 387 Urdu newspapers/periodicals during 1984-85 and to 334 during 1985-86 (upto December, 1985).

Cotton production

404. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target and actual production of cotton during 1985-86; and

(b) to what extent it is comparable to the production of cotton during the years 1984-85 and 1983-84?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The target fixed for production of cotton (lint) during 1985-86 was 86.0 lakh bales. Final estimates of production for 1985-86 have not been received from all the States. However, on the basis of preliminary reports received it is anticipated that the target will be achieved in full.

(b) The production of cotton (lint) during 1984-85 and 1983-84 was 84.65 lakh bales and 63.87 lakh bales respectively.

U.S. participation in edible oil projects

405. SHRI CHITTA BASU :

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a U.S. business delegation which recently visited India has offered U.S. particpation in India's edible oil projects;

(b) whether any specific steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A former U.S. Senator Charles H. Percy, who is a President of a Private Company namely Chales Percy and Associates Inc. of U.S.A. has made a proposal regarding the project on an oil bearing halophyte (Salt-tolerant plant) and its potential use in India through Indian Embassy in U S.A. This Project proposal was also discussed by Mr. Charles Percy with the Union Minister for Agriculture, who visited India recently.

In order to examine the proposal to explore the possibility of taking up this project under Indian conditions the Company is to provide us more details alongwith the results of the prototype projects taken up by them in Mexico and Sharjah.

Demnd for Steel

406. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated demand for steel during 1986-87;

(b) what are the targets of production of steel during 1986-87,

(c) what are the present unsold stocks of steel with the Steel Authority of India Limited; and

(d) what are the reasons for gap in demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b) The Joint Plant Committee of

main producers of iron and steel has assessed that the likely availability of finished steel during 1986-87 will be about 11.13 million tonnes comprising of 6.05 million tonnes (approx.) from SAIL, 0.96 million tonnes from TISCO and 4.10 million tonnes from secondary producers against the estimated demand of 11.61 million tonnes.

(c) SAIL including IISCO held stocks of about 0.66 million tonnes (provisional) of saleable steel at their plants and homesales stockyards as on 1-4-1986.

(d) The main reasons for the gap in demand and indigenous availability are :

(i) the demand exceeds the indigenous production capacity in certain categoreis/specifications

(ii) production of certain sections/quality is not taken up on techno-economic consideration;

(iii) sometimes, demand is for some special types of steel in certain specifications which are yet to be developed indigenously.

Periodcial verification of antecedents and property of Delhi Development Authority Officials

407. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of widespread allegations of corruption and malpractices against the Delhi Development Authority officials, there is any proposal under Government's consideration to verify periodically the antecedents and movable and immovable property acquired by the Delhi Develoment Authority officials to check corruption in the DDA; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Every employee of the Authority has to intimate transaction of movable/immovable property acquired by him as per conduct rules in force. The intimations so received are got accepted by the Competent Authority. In case of any doubt, the matter is reported by the DDA to its Vigilance Department for necessary enquiry/investigation.

Setting up of Boards for All India Radio and Doordarshan

408. SHRI M. KADHARSHA :
SHRI R. MOHANARAGAM:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute separate Boards for All India Radio and Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) No such decision has been taken.

(b) Does not arise

Import of Fishing Trawlers

409. SHRI M. KADHARSHA :
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import fishing trawlers in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof together with the names of countries from where imports are likely to be made;